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COOPERATION IN MARKETING.

The possibilities for Hawaii that exist in the development of the banana trade appear to be little understood. This may account for the apathy that is shown at the news that representatives of a great fruit importing firm are here studying conditions and looking over the field with a view of extending their operations in bananas to Hawaii. It is to the banana trade that New Orleans, the greatest port in the South, owes much of its prosperity, and if an entry port can prosper from it, a port of shipment and transshipment can do equally well.

New Orleans is one of the greatest banana receiving ports in the world. Last year twelve million bunches were unloaded from fifty ships a month. These bananas from the West Indies were sent all over the Union, to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, among other cities. The district that could be made the selling ground for Hawaiian bananas is preempted by the fruit of Spanish-American and British growers, carried across the continent by rail.

This trade condition could not exist if Hawaiian growers and possible growers of bananas would combine to contest the field with the South American and Caribbean banana planters. Cooperation in shipping, selling and handling the fruit could produce in the banana business of Hawaii the same relative success that has followed the system used in the handling of the pineapple pack and, in its larger way, the marketing of Hawaiian sugar. The hit or miss method in vogue has proved itself a failure, as it was bound to do.

At the present time there are two fruit concerns with their eyes on Hawaii. If either one could be shown that there are growers here ready to cooperate on a business basis, the proper trade arrangements could undoubtedly be made.

What is true of the banana trade with the mainland is also true of the fresh vegetable and produce trade between the islands. If the growers could cooperate, the buyers for island products are already in this city, ready to do business. Much of the trade now going to San Francisco could be given to Hawaii and Maui if the Honolulu buyers had a reasonable assurance of regularity in shipment and a standard in packing. The suggestions made along this line by Doctor Wilcox, based on a study and investigation into conditions, furnish plenty of room for thought. Some day the plan of cooperation between producers, as he outlines it, will be adopted and then the trade that belongs to Hawaii will be kept at home.

THE CLUNEY CHARGE.

General satisfaction will follow the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury in the case of Edward Cluney, now held for manslaughter in connection with the death of J. M. Barboza on Monday. The victim of Cluney's speeding automobile will not have given up his life in vain if the charging of the chauffeur, his trial and his possible conviction on a grave charge will teach other chauffeurs that human life still has some value in this town and the killing of people is not a right of automobile owners.

There will be the natural sympathy for Cluney, a youth, irresponsible in his actions and encouraged in the belief that pedestrians must scatter before his machine or take the consequences. But, he is the one out of many who must suffer.

Of the many who have taken desperate chances, he is the one who took the chance that failed. While sympathy for him may be felt, however, it must not be forgotten that there is a widow and several small children who deserve the sympathy of the community, suffering from an irretrievable loss through the fault of another. It must not be forgotten, either, that unless this craving for speed, this disregard of the law, shown by Cluney and others of his class, is stopped, the killing of innocent people will go on.

The fact that a score of speeders, who missed killing in some cases through sheer good luck, were allowed to go unpunished except for a suspended sentence, has something to do with Cluney's unfortunate position today. The fact that other chauffeurs have been allowed to settle cases out of court, when their recklessness has resulted in accidents, has something to do with the killing of Barboza. Every rich man who has defied the law respecting speeding, his example encouraging youths of the Cluney type, is in a measure an accomplice in the blow that killed a useful citizen on Monday.

There has been dillydallying in the courts in too many automobile cases. There has been a disposition on the part of the police to overlook too much in the speeding line. There has been altogether too much disregard of the law on the part of automobilists.

Let us hope that the charge of manslaughter against Cluney will rest on the consciences of the others besides him who helped in bringing about conditions that made such a decision on the part of a deliberating jury possible.

PROHIBITION A BOOST.

A correspondent, whose communication in yesterday's Advertiser was signed "Booster," argued that prohibition would be "the biggest stroke possible toward knocking the city of Honolulu," stating a number of things that would happen under prohibition to knock.

The first knock would be, in his opinion, the fact that the soldiers and sailors would not be able to drink while here. This fact would cause them to avoid Honolulu. Our correspondent forgets that sailors go where the ships go and the ships go where they are ordered. If there were prohibition here, every line of legitimate trade would benefit and more ships than ever before would call.

He says that Hawaii's leisure class would not be allowed to drink. Unfortunately, the Territory can not pass a law to forbid them doing so. The fact that such a law can not be passed is one of the great sophistries being used against prohibition among the Hawaiians. The anti, evidently, are against the law because it does and because it doesn't.

"The honest laborer will be forced to do without his well-earned refreshment," writes Booster. Yes, and the honest workingman's honest wife will not be forced to forego a decent, comfortable living and a home with a sober man. The honest workingman's little children will not have to go without the things that any honest, sober father will get them.

"Hundreds will be thrown out of work; hundreds whose living is now dependent on the liquor traffic." No man's living is "dependent" on the liquor traffic. There are many depending on it for an "easy living," but without the traffic to prevent progress, there will be livings enough for all and deaths for fewer.

"There will be falling off in charity contributions in all lines." There will. There will be much less need for charity, too. There will also be less need for hospitals, asylums, prisons, free dispensaries, police court officials and the others whose business it is to look after the human dregs.

Prohibition will boost in every direction.

SYMPATHY FOR LILIOKALANI.

The news from Washington that Queen Liliokalani has lost in the final court of appeal in regard to her claim to the crown lands of Hawaii will be received generally with regret, although it is probable that the feeling of the majority here may have been that the legal claims of the former queen were not well founded. The hope existed, however, that some point might be strained and some concession granted her in the claim for which she has fought for ten years. Liliokalani is an old woman now, feeble in health and broken in spirit. The years that have passed since what she regarded as right and what the majority here regarded as right had to be fought out have carried into the past with them the feelings of bitterness that existed then on both sides. Those who opposed her then number themselves among her friends today and it is among them that the most sincere expressions of sympathy have been heard regarding the final decision of the court of claims.

The Bulletin makes much of the fact that the Sierra sailed away with some empty second-class cabins in order to draw attention away from the fact that every other passenger steamer that has sailed for weeks has had an overflow passenger list. The Wilhelmsson, for instance, has already booked a large number of passengers for her July trip to the Coast.

THE GRIM WORK GOES ON.

Nine more deaths in Honolulu from tuberculosis from May 1 to May 19, are reported. This is at the rate of two hundred a year and is about the normal death harvest of the White Plague. We grow indignant at one life a month sacrificed to speed mania but regard with equanimity the killing off of sixteen times that many by the germs of consumption, spawned by alcohol. It is a terrible thing to crush out a man's life for the sake of the thrill of speeding; it is many times more terrible to uphold and be in a trade that kills for profit.

Nine new graves, the majority for Hawaiians, have been dug in the past sixteen days. In all probability nine more, the majority for Hawaiians, will be dug in the next sixteen days. For whom? Who has death marked down as his before the first day of June? And who after that?

Those who are now misleading the Hawaiian people, in an endeavor to secure their votes for a continuance of the liquor trade in the islands, for a continuance of the conditions that are inexorably wiping from the face of the earth the aboriginal people of Hawaii, should study these death statistics, issuing regularly from the board of health. Hawaiians who resent the suggestion that prohibition will operate against them more than against others, should know what alcohol has brought, is bringing and—unless the trade in it is wiped out by their votes—will bring to them and to their neighbors. Those who are hesitating on the question of prohibition should study the condition alcohol has brought the Hawaiian people to, should investigate the intimate connection between alcohol and tuberculosis among the Hawaiians and should decide whether they can afford to become in any way an accessory to the extermination of the race!

Nine funerals in sixteen days, the majority for Hawaiians dead, is something in the face of which the theory of "personal privileges" falls flat. Fanaticism cannot be shouted at either hearses or graves. Faddism cannot be argued against palls. Death, grim and silent, cannot be shouted down by paid exhorters, by mimic paragraphs or by lying prophets of evil.

Death to Hawaiians lurks in the protection and the "regulation" given the saloons of Hawaii. Who can afford to help protect the saloons?

PENITENTIARY EXAMPLE NEEDED.

Drunk with the speed mania, if with nothing else, another chauffeur has killed his man in the streets of Honolulu, running him down in broad daylight on a wide road, with no possible excuse to even mitigate the action that robbed a wife of her husband, seven children of their father, a family of its breadwinner and the community of an honest, hardworking citizen.

In Sing Sing is a former chauffeur, working out a five-years' sentence for a homicide no worse than that committed by whoever was driving the machine that killed J. M. Barboza on Monday.

The Advertiser will welcome the day when one of Honolulu's speed maniacs begins to serve a penitentiary term for the criminal carelessness they display, for the utter disregard they show for the lives and the safety of others, for the manner in which they appear to take for granted that their chauffeur's license entitles them to kill with impunity.

Automobile drivers MUST be made to realize that the machines they drive are capable of dealing death and MUST be driven carefully. Apparently, only the sight of one or more of them on the street in stripes will drive this lesson home, and the sooner that day comes, the sooner will the right of the general public to walk the public streets in safety be assured.

It may be that this is not the case where the penitentiary example will begin. We do not know what will be done with the three now held for the death of Monday. Against the individuals in this case, The Advertiser holds and expresses no animus. Against the class of reckless, utterly selfish and criminally careless people they represent, however, we feel that the blood of a man, the cries of a widow and the possible destitution of seven orphans call for vengeance.

ONE, TWO, THREE.

It is remarkable what a similarity of methods is used by escaped convicts, especially convicts who have departed from High Henry's home for incurables on the reef at Iwilei. Chun Duck Soon, the Korean who ducked very soon from the gang to which he had been assigned, entered the home of a Japanese near the pumping station at Kapahulu yesterday and removed one gold watch, one suit of clothes, one panama hat, one long knife and a can of salmon.

Now a criminologist would be happy explaining the aforesaid similarity in methods. His explanation would be something like this:

A negro by the name of Grace escapes and enters a house where he appropriates a suit of clothes and a loaf of bread. This delightful recreation proving profitable to himself as well as entertaining to the gentle bystander, one Sam Kahi also escapes, enters a private house and takes a suit of clothes, desiring to win the admiration that was doled out to the slick nigger aforesaid.

Kahi experiment proving equally successful for a time Chun Duck Soon burns with emulation and goes everybody else one better. He even left his convict clothes behind as a memento of his visit. The explanation is as simple as rolling out of the territorial prison.

FAKING FOOLISHNESS.

The comments of an afternoon paper on the manner in which The Advertiser interprets its cable news despatches are amusing when coming from a publication that had its "special correspondent" in Washington announce the signing of the joint resolution for the plebiscite in Hawaii five days before the President put pen to it. The Advertiser called attention at the time to the way the Bulletin's "special correspondent" had made a "monkey" of his paper. The official announcement of the signing of the joint resolution proves it. Either the Bulletin faked its whole special despatch or so woefully mangled it that it gave news on a matter of the greatest importance that was false. To complete the Bulletin's nerve on that occasion, it editorially contradicted a statement of the Governor concerning the matter and doctored a cablegram received by the Governor to make out a case to bolster its own fake.

Governor Colton of Porto Rico has been in Washington recently trying to get congress to help out the tourist trade of his island. He reports that last season seven thousand tourists came, but that many more would have visited Porto Rico if the government at Washington would sell back some federal land in San Juan upon which a half-million dollar hotel could be built. He counts seven thousand tourists in a season as only a beginning of a tourist trade, but of course there is no coastwise shipping law to hold the trade back so far as Porto Rico is concerned and the traffic there can grow just as fast as it can be accommodated. It is only for Hawaii, which came under the flag of its own accord, that patriotism must be used as a straightjacket and where any desire to grow must be checked and hampered.

News from Harbin is to the effect that Russian law or any other law does not hold. This is fortunate for Atkinson. Otherwise he would be up against the latest emigration rulings of the Russian minister of commerce. That official has just elaborated rulings whereby emigrants to countries outside Europe can only leave Russian ports on Russian steamers. The steamship companies are prohibited from taking passengers whose expenses are paid wholly or in part by any foreign government or foreign colonization society which is not legally authorized in Russia. All emigration agents must be Russian subjects. The most severe penalties, including long terms of imprisonment, are enacted for the spreading of false reports concerning the advantages of emigration from Russia.

Notice the peculiar wording of the Associated Press message, published on page one of this issue, regarding the passage in the house at Washington yesterday of the amendments to the Organic Act. The Associated refers to Hawaii and then to Territories "within the United States." The fact that we are to have the same right to share in the general appropriation is the news feature of the passage of the bill in congress, showing plainly how even the Associated looks upon Hawaii as not an integral part of the Union. Some day, perhaps, when Hawaii asks for statehood with Netley as Delegate to Congress to press the claim, our place as a part and parcel of the United States will be generally recognized.

The fact that the people of Emeryville succeeded in having the Jeffries-Johnson prizefight driven out of their town is a good thing. It will take down some of the swelling of the heads of the two pug, a swelling induced by the reams of paper used up daily in telling the world just what the great men had for breakfast, how they slept and what particular brand of vagarity they passed out as wit. These two men have had the idea that the world would fall over itself to watch them and the fact that some folk not only wouldn't see them but didn't want to have them in the neighborhood must have struck them with illuminating surprise.

The man who struck the blow that killed Alex. Garner had been drinking. Let that sink in.

Citizens will be asked today to contribute toward the fund to start the yacht Hawaii to the starting point for the third transpacific race, enable her to fly her island flag proudly while in Coast waters and bowl home in her effort to lift the cup for Honolulu. It is going to take twenty-five hundred dollars to do the thing in shape and Mr. Macfarlane and his helpers should be able to report that much subscribed before the comet hides the sun. In addition to the fact that the encouragement of yachting is the encouragement of the cleanest sport that exists, the encouragement to the Hawaii and her crew on this particular occasion is good business from the promotion standpoint. Everybody dig!

Isn't it funny that the same people who a little while ago were stating that rectified liquors were better than pure liquors and that wine was good for babies, are now paying three newspapers to say that it would be better to regulate the liquor trade and make the sale of phoney liquor illegal than to close the saloons altogether? What a difference a few weeks makes. One day poor whisky and rank gin are good; the next, the license commissioners should have stopped the sale of them.

Wouldn't it be too bad if it should rain this afternoon, with professors at Kaimuki and Haleiwa having waited seventy odd years for the comet to eclipse the sun? Think of having come all the way from Ohio to see something and then not be able to push the clouds away. Sitting in an opera house chair behind a chandelier under ordinary circumstances is bad enough.

In a race between an automobile and an airship, at Atlanta, Georgia, the latter won. This suggests that if speed maniacs must go fast, they can purchase biplanes and aeroplanes and get off the earth. The only ones killed in aeronautics are the ones who are in the machines. The ordinary man minding his own business has a fair chance to escape.

Secretary Rivenburgh is new at the local political game or he would not have denied an interview in The Advertiser, given in the presence of witnesses. This time, being a first offense, sentence will be suspended for the customary thirteen months.

When on the stump last election, running as the Republican candidate for sheriff, John Wise wept with great sobs at the idea that he had ever been an antimissionary. Now, having put his sentiments into print, his weepy denials will be useless.

If readers will look beneath the hoorah surface of much that is being printed in behalf of the open saloon, it will not be necessary for the Prohibitionists to answer the arguments. Skim off the froth and the dregs remaining refute themselves.

The Calif at present is working its mighty intellect in trying to discover a reason why The Advertiser should advocate a cause without being paid for it.

When you think about it, why should Link McCandless say where he stands on the prohibition question so long as he can hire Kaniho to talk for him?

If the Cannonball of Kohala can only be left behind when the November elections come, the prohibition agitation will not have been in vain.

The boys who killed Barboza on Monday, stopped just before the accident to have a few drinks. Let that sink in.

RAPID TRANSIT IS SUED AGAIN

Leo E. Salmon Wants \$5000 for Damages to Himself and His Property.

Leo E. Salmon has filed suit against the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company for \$5000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received by him on March 14, when a street car ran into his horse and buggy and scattered the aforesaid horse and buggy, \$750 worth of pictures and Mr. Salmon himself, all over the street.

Salmon claims that the car was running at twenty miles an hour and no gong was sounded, this being interpreted as great negligence on the part of the street car company. He had \$750 worth of pictures in the buggy and these were destroyed or injured. The horse and buggy were a loss, and Salmon himself was personally injured, he claims, to the extent of \$4000. The damage to his property he estimates at an additional \$1000.

Suit Against Akina.

J. J. Byrne has filed suit against Dr. L. Akina for \$440, alleged by him to be due by Akina as rent for the premises at the corner of Smith and Hotel streets. The money, the complaint states, was originally owing to J. W. Podmore, but the latter assigned the claim to Byrne.

On Tais Must Pay.

In the matter of Mary A. Richards versus On Tai Bros., the court has rendered judgment in accordance with the decision of the arbitrators, rendered some time since.

Bigamy Trial.

A jury was drawn yesterday morning in the federal court for the trial of Lam Yan, charged with bigamy, and the case was then continued to next Monday morning.

The Divorce Court.

Two divorces were granted yesterday by Judge Robinson. Suvo Kawakita gets a decree freeing her from her husband, Shimpachi Kawakita, on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide.

The same grounds were the reason for the divorce granted to Ohana Okamoto separating her from her husband, Torakichi Okamoto.

Takayo Tamaki has filed suit for divorce from Shigeichi Tamaki. She also alleges desertion and non-support.

In Honor of Edward VII.

All the courts have adjourned over until tomorrow or Monday, out of respect for the late King Edward VII. whose funeral takes place today. Most of the government offices will also be closed for the same reason.

During an equestrian performance a number of ladies in the front stood up obstructing the view of those persons who were seated. In vain were they collectively requested to sit down, till at last a happy thought occurred to one of the sufferers. He called out in measured tones: "Will the pretty lady in front kindly sit down?" whereupon about fifty women briskly seated themselves.

Advises from Akina say that gold is plentiful and food supply short.

RECORD WAGERS ON JEFF-JOHNSON FIGHT

As a betting proposition the forthcoming fight between "Jim" Jeffries and "Jack" Johnson will probably be without equal in the history of the sporting world. Counting the wagers that are being made in this country, as well as the hundreds of thousands of dollars that will be staked on the outcome in other quarters of the globe, it is estimated that between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, all told, will change hands.

Alternates Training.

Jeffries believes that the wisest training routine calls for an alternation of rest and work.

Jeffries' brother, Jack, will appear in the role of sparring partner whenever called upon. Jack Jeffries is of sufficient bulk and strength to make a worthy antagonist for the former champion, and is regarded as a valuable addition to the camp.

Joe Choyinski has made his first prophecy as to the outcome of the big fight. Says Joe:

"Jeff will win in just about seven rounds. I have figured this out carefully and it has nothing to do with my being attached to Jeff's camp. Remember this and see if I didn't call the turn."

Johnson Boxing.

Johnson will box five or six rounds with several of his sparring partners. He has a bunch of them on his staff—enough to keep him busy for a long time, unless he knocks them all out at the outset, and this is not at all likely.

Johnson will go along by easy stages. He figures that he has plenty of time and he does not care about going stale a few weeks before the date of the battle. He has his own system mapped out and he will carry it through to the very letter. He knows what he wants.

Johnson weighs about 230 pounds at the present time. He figures on taking off 20 pounds during his training siege. He wants this to come off gradually, too, and as he has nearly seven weeks in which to reduce, there is no reason why he can not condition himself to his heart's content. So far as is known Johnson will do all the boxing at the training camp.

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